

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

The attached Replacement Sheet includes changes to FIG. 1. This Replacement Sheet replaces the original sheet containing FIG. 1. FIG. 1 has been amended to change reference numeral "21" to "11" for the block labeled "CENTER CONTROLLER".

Attachment: One (1) Replacement Sheet - Amended FIG. 1

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action<sup>1</sup>, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Carroll et al.* (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/0097211) in view of *Katagishi et al.* (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2004/0210363).

By this Amendment, Applicants amend claim 1, amend FIG. 1, and add new claims 12 and 13. Claims 1, 2, and 6-13 remain pending, with claims 6-11 withdrawn from consideration. Of the claims under examination, claim 1 is independent.

Applicants have amended FIG. 1 to change reference numeral "21" to "11" for the block labeled "CENTER CONTROLLER" to maintain consistency throughout the drawings. Accordingly, Applicants file herewith one (1) sheet of drawings, labeled "Replacement Sheet," containing amended FIG. 1.

Applicants request that the replacement sheet be made of official record in this patent application. If the drawings for any reason are not in full compliance with the pertinent statutes and regulations, please advise the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S. C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Carroll* in view of *Katagishi*. Independent claim 1 patentably distinguishes over *Carroll* and *Katagishi*.

Independent claim 1 recites an onboard apparatus mounted on a vehicle comprising getting means for getting vehicle model information from the vehicle, the vehicle model information being peculiar to the vehicle, and storage means for storing

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<sup>1</sup> The Office Action contains characterizations of the claims and the related art with which Applicants do not necessarily agree. Unless expressly noted otherwise, Applicants decline to subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

the vehicle model information and design information, the design information comprising at least one of a layout of a screen, a shape of operating keys, and a color pattern.

*Carroll* discloses a network-based method and system for distributing data, including a remote service provider 150 which maintains a website for authorized users to access the data. (*Carroll*, Abstract). The remote service provider 150 includes an “user interface [which] provides a vehicle list 30 to solicit inputs from the user to select the country of the vehicle for which he or she wishes to download [a] specification.” (*Id.* at paragraph [0042], ll. 1-4).

As admitted by the Examiner, however, “*Carroll et al.* does not mention [a] storage means for storing the vehicle model information and related design information [or] function information.” (*Final Office Action*, p. 3, ¶ 3). Moreover, *Carroll* fails to teach or suggest getting vehicle model information from a vehicle. Rather, *Carroll* obtains vehicle model information from a remote service provider by input from a user and not from a vehicle (emphases added).

To cure the deficiencies of *Carroll*, the Examiner relies on *Katagishi* for its asserted disclosure of “[an] onboard apparatus (3) compris[ing] a storage device (34) that stores vehicle model information such as manufacturer ID, car ID, etc. (*Katagishi et al.*, page 3, paragraph 0032, line 7).” (*Final Office Action*, p. 4, ¶ 1). Such teaching, even if present in *Katagishi*, however, fails to teach or suggest storage means for storing the claimed design information. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner alleges that *Katagishi* teaches “‘storing the vehicle model information’[,], which is the manufacturer ID, and related [']design information['], which is the car ID.” (*Advisory*

*Action*, p. 2, ¶ 2). Applicants respectfully disagree and submit that the car ID is not related to the claimed design information.

Accordingly, *Carroll* and *Katagishi*, even if combined as suggested by the Examiner, fail to teach or suggest the claimed combination, including “storage means for storing the vehicle model information and design information, the design information comprising at least one of a layout of a screen, a shape of operating keys, and a color pattern,” as recited in claim 1. Consequently, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

New claims 12 and 13 depend from claim 1 and are allowable at least for the same reasons claim 1 is allowable. In addition, each of the dependent claims recites unique combinations that are neither taught nor suggested by the cited art, and therefore each are also separately patentable.

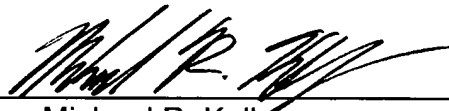
Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 2, 12, and 13 are in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore request reconsideration of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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